

U.S. Application No. 10/826,856
Art Unit 3677
Page 3 of 11

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A quick release box assembly comprising:
 - a housing having a top and a bottom defining an enclosure for receiving deliveries through an opening at one end;
 - a first attachment plate configured to be removably attached to the bottom of the housing; and
 - a second attachment plate configured to be removably attached to a ~~box receiving surface~~mailbox post and releasably engageable with the first attachment plate thereby connecting the housing to the ~~surface~~mailbox post;
 - a locking mechanism configured to secure the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate;
 - wherein the locking mechanism comprises a locking means fitted within one of the attachment plates, and a lock receiving means on the other of the plates configured to receive the locking means;
 - wherein the locking means comprises a lock including a cylinder and a movable cam and the lock receiving means comprises a groove configured to receive the cam.
2. (Withdrawn) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein the first attachment plate comprises a groove on its underside and the second attachment plate comprises a flange on its top side configured to fit within the groove and secure the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate.
3. (Original) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein the first attachment plate comprises at least one hole on its underside and the second attachment plate comprises at least one tab configured to be received within the hole.
4. Cancelled.
5. (Currently Amended) The box assembly of claim 1, further comprising a slot on the underside of the second attachment plate configured to fit on a support beam of ~~a~~the mailbox post.
6. (Withdrawn) The box assembly of claim 4, wherein the locking mechanism comprises:

{00100936.DOC /}

U.S. Application No. 10/826,856
Art Unit 3677
Page 4 of 11

- a. a first locking lip extending from the first attachment plate;
 - b. a second locking lip extending from the second attachment plate,
wherein the second locking lip is configured to align with the first locking
lip and define a locking aperture through the two lips; and
 - c. a locking means extending through the locking aperture defined by the
two lips.
7. Cancelled.
8. Cancelled.
9. (Original) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein the first attachment plate
comprises at least one hole on a top side configured to receive an attachment means for
attaching the first attachment plate to the bottom of the housing.
10. (Original) The mailbox assembly of claim 1, wherein the second attachment
plate comprises at least one hole on an underside configured to receive an attachment
means for attaching the second attachment plate to the mailbox post.
11. (Original) The box assembly of claim of claim 1, wherein the housing includes
decorative indicia including at least one of: a sports team and a holiday theme.
12. (Withdrawn) A quick release attachment for a boxes comprising:
a first attachment panel configured to be secured to the bottom of a mailbox;
a second attachment panel configured to be secured to a mail box post; and
a device for releasably securing the first panel to the second panel.
13. (Withdrawn) The attachment of claim 12, wherein the device for securing the
first panel to the second panel comprises a flange receiving region on an
underside of the first attachment panel and a flange extending from a top side of
the second engagement panel configured to be slidably fit within the flange
receiving region and secure the first attachment panel to the second attachment
panel.
14. (Withdrawn) The attachment of claim of claim 12, wherein the device for
attaching the first panel to the second panel comprises:

{00100936.DOC /}

U.S. Application No. 10/826,856
Art Unit 3677
Page 5 of 11

- a. at least one hole on the underside of the first panel, the hole having a slot extending therefrom wherein the slot has a narrower width than the hole; and
 - b. at least one post with an engagement tab at a distal end extending from a top of the first panel wherein the tab has a diameter greater than the post and wherein the post is configured to fit through the slot and the an engagement tab is configured to fit through the hole but not through the slot.
15. (Withdrawn) The attachment of claim 12, further comprising a locking mechanism configured to secure the first attachment panel to the second attachment panel.
16. (Withdrawn) The attachment of claim 15, wherein the locking mechanism comprises:
- c. a first locking extension having an aperture and extending from the first attachment panel;
 - d. a second locking extension having an aperture and extending from the second attachment plate, the second locking extension configured to align with the first locking extension and define a locking aperture through the two extensions; and
 - e. a lock configured to extend through the locking apertures defined by the two extensions.
17. (Withdrawn) The attachment of claim 15, wherein the locking mechanism comprises a lock having a movable cam spring-fitted within one of the attachment plates, and a lock receiving slot on the other of the plates configured to receive the cam of the lock.
18. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a mailbox with an attachment device comprising the steps of:
- a. securing a first attachment plate ~~of the mailbox attachment device configured to be removably attached to the~~ a bottom of a mailbox;

{00100936.DOC /}

U.S. Application No. 10/826,856
Art Unit 3677
Page 6 of 11

- b. ~~securing a second attachment plate configured to be removably attached to a mailbox post and releasably engageable with the first attachment plate to connect the mailbox to the post;~~
- c. connecting the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate; and
- d. locking the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate with a locking means having a cylinder and a movable cam and a lock receiving means comprising a groove configured to receive the cam.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the first attachment plate further comprises a groove on an underside and the second attachment plate further comprises a flange on a top side configured to fit within the groove and secure the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the first attachment plate further comprises at least one hole on an underside configured to receive at least one friction fitted tab and the second attachment plate comprises at least one of said tabs configured to be received within the hole; and

~~wherein the mail box attachment further comprises a locking mechanism configured to secure the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate.~~

21. (New) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein at least one of the attachment plates is generally rectangular in shape.
22. (New) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein the attachment plates are created from a relatively durable and weather-resistant material.
23. (New) The box assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second attachment plates are configured so as to be slidably attached to one another.
24. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the attachment plates are configured to be slidably attached to one another.

{00100936.DOC /}

U.S. Application No. 10/826,856
Art Unit 3677
Page 7 of 11

25. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the first attachment plate exhibits the same size as the bottom of the mailbox and the first attachment plate is aligned with edges of the bottom of the mailbox.
26. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the first attachment plate is larger than or smaller than the bottom of the mailbox and the first attachment plate is centered on the bottom of the mailbox.
27. (New) A quick release box assembly comprising:
- a first attachment plate configured to be secured to a bottom of a mailbox;
 - a second attachment plate configured to be secured to a mailbox post;
 - a device for releasably securing the first attachment plate to the second attachment plate;
- wherein the device comprises a locking means fitted within one of the attachment plates, and a lock receiving means on the other of the plates configured to receive the locking means;
- wherein the locking means comprises a lock including a cylinder and a movable cam and the lock receiving means comprises a groove configured to receive the cam.
28. (New) The box assembly of claim 27, wherein the mailbox includes decorative indicia including at least one of: a sports team and a holiday theme.
29. (New) The box assembly of claim 27, further comprising a slot on an underside of the second attachment plate configured to fit on a support beam of the mailbox post.
30. (New) The box assembly of claim 27, wherein the first attachment plate comprises at least one hole on a top side configured to receive an attachment means for attaching the first attachment plate to a bottom of a housing.

{00100936.DOC /}